

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**May 25, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the May 25, 2022, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 5:31 P.M. Present were board members: Mrs. Cristie Rans, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Roger Byrum, and Mr. Jeff Smith. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Paul Voigt, Corporation Attorney Ms. Lauren Adley, Jr-Sr High Principal Mr. Chuck Evans, Elementary Principal Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Curriculum Director Mrs. Angela Miller, Director of Guidance/CCTA President Ms. Anita Doan, and Administrative Assistant Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present were incoming 2022-2023 teachers, Mrs. Tamela Cooley, Mrs. Linda Arnett, and Mr. Tyler Murphy. Kewanna-Union Township Library Director, Charles Rude, along with Library Board appointee, Mrs. Teresa Morning, and her husband Donald Morning, were also present.

Celebrations: For the fifth year in a row, the Caston Jr/Sr High English Department has won the HNAC Writing Competition. The Caston Lady Comets Softball Team has won their first Conference Championship. Caston has been recognized for the second year in a row as a distinguished school in Project Lead The Way. There are 282 schools in this organization and only two awards are given each year. Over 150 Jr. High students attended a South Bend Cubs baseball game at the Four Winds Field on May 25th. Due to excellence in behavior and academics, the students were rewarded with the special trip. Caston held their 2022 Prom at The Gathering Place in Twelve Mile. Miss Emma Stinson and Mr. Garrison Hickle were named Prom Queen and King. Caston's Joey Spin was recently named an IHSBCA North All-Star and is only the second player in program history to be named so.

Staff Spotlight: Congratulations go to Caston's Dean of Students, Mrs. Tina Paschen, as the recipient of the May Staff Spotlight Award. Tina was nominated by Caston teacher, Mr. Nate Speitel. He noted her dedication to students, going far and above her job description, and working countless hours to serve and assist Caston students. Thank you, Tina, for all you do for Caston!

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the following meetings:
 1. April 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Approve resignation/retirement as follows:
 1. Amber Bowyer – Jr./Sr. High Instructional Assistant
- d. Approve hiring as follows:
 1. Tammy Cooley – Jr. High – ELA Teacher
 2. Linda Arnett – Jr. High Math Teacher
 3. Brandon Kinser – Strength & Conditioning/PE Teacher
 4. Trent Tocco - Jr. High Science Teacher

Reports/Information:

ECA monthly financial report (April 2022)

Principal's Reports

Elementary Awards Day went very well and was recorded for Caston patrons to view online. Ms. Lukens also praised the Caston teachers, instructional assistants, staff, and the school board for all their hard work this school year. Chuck Evans reported that Caston High School has eight potential All-Conference golfers this year. Colby Pugh and AJ Dague have already been named All-Conference golfers. Caston's 2022 graduation ceremony will be at 2:00 in the afternoon, June 5th. An email is going out to families regarding seating availability. RTC will be streaming the ceremony live.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Angie Miller reported that all testing at Caston is completed. She mentioned that teachers will be undergoing training this summer, and that four new teachers will be learning Project Lead The Way. Also noted was that twenty-two students received over \$498,00.00 in scholarships this year. The Dual Credit Program, to date, has saved Caston families \$74,250.00 in college fees.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Voigt reported that construction on the Track Project begins June 15th. White boards will be installed in some classrooms on June 6th. Also being installed are new classroom TVs and the FACS classroom water heater. Painting in the Elementary hallways is set to begin, and new LED lighting will be installed thanks to a grant that pays seventy-five percent of the cost. Dr. Voigt reported his completion of the Listening/Visioning Tour that was held in four area towns and expressed his thanks to Charlie Rude for allowing the use of Kewanna's library meeting space for that segment of the tour.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

STEAM Camp begins next month with a record 95 students attending. This surpasses the original 60 student limit. Ms. Lukens told the board they had to turn down students because the program enrollment was beyond the anticipated maximum.

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 15, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. in the Bruce E. Cress Boardroom of the Caston Administration Building.

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Beth Howard that the regular meeting be adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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